



Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission

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Special Meeting | Wednesday, August 21, 2019 | 10:00 AM

Summary of Commission Meeting

Location: Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Room 606, 18 Capitol Square, SW
Atlanta, GA 30334

PRESENT:

Commission Members:

Jake Evans, Chairman
James D. Kreyenbuhl, Vice Chairman
Eric L. Barnum, Commission Member
Robert Watts, Commission Member
Rick Thompson, Commission Member

Commission Staff:

David Emadi, Executive Secretary
Robert Lane, Deputy Executive Secretary
Tracey Watson, Staff Attorney
Katie Easterwood, Legal Secretary
Chris Phelps, Paralegal
Holly Smith, Videographer
Tamara Solomon, Videographer
Kim Greene, Court Reporter

Office of the Attorney-General:

Christian Fuller, Assistant Attorney-General

SUMMARY OF SUBJECTS ACTED UPON:

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Meeting Called to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM
Preliminary Hearings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">2017-0169PC: In the Matter of John W. Oxendine (RL) <p>The Commission heard evidence and argument on the four allegations that remain in dispute. These allegations were arranged and heard as follows:</p> <p><i>Allegation 1:</i> Violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-3(16.1), 21-5-3(18) and 21-5-33(c) by improperly utilizing and/or expending \$187,000 in campaign funds. The Commission found reasonable grounds that 21-5-33(a) had been violated with a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Watts being the opposition and that 21-5-33(c) had been violated with a 5-0 vote.</p> <p><i>Allegation 2:</i> Violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-3(16.1), 21-5-3 (18), 21-5-33(a) and 21-5-33(c) by improperly utilizing and/or expending \$50,000 in campaign funds. The Commission found reasonable grounds that 21-5-33(a) had been violated with a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Watts being the opposition. And that 21-5-33(c) had been violated with a 5-0 vote.</p>

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	<p><i>Allegation 3:</i> Violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-43(c)-(d) and 21-5-33 by improperly expending \$208,067.51 in campaign funds which were allocated for elections that Respondent failed to qualify and/or campaign for. The Commission did not find reasonable grounds that the Respondent had violated 21-5-43(d) with a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Thompson being the opposition.</p> <p><i>Allegation 4:</i> Violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-41 by improperly accepting campaign contributions that exceeded contribution limits. The Commission found reasonable grounds that 21-5-41(a) had been violated with a 3-1 vote with Commissioner Watts being the opposition and Commissioner Thompson having recused himself from this matter.</p>
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment from the public.
Meeting Adjourned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was adjourned at 04:03 PM.